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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS APRIL QUARTERLY LABOR

MAY 2004 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the QUARTERLY FARM LABOR SURVEY for the week of April 11-17, 2004. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,



Dwaine C. Nelson
State Director

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 17,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona during the week of April 11-17, 2004, up 6 percent from last April. Average hours worked by all hired workers dropped to 45.7 hours a week compared to 47.3 hours last year. Wage rates for field workers were up from last April at \$7.55 an hour, an increase of 45 cents. Livestock worker wages dropped slightly to \$8.20, compared to \$8.24 an hour in April 2003. Overall, average wage rates for all hired agricultural workers improved to \$8.37 an hour, up 44 cents from this time last year.

UNITED STATES: There were 1,077,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 11-17, 2004, up 15 percent from a year ago. The number of hours worked averaged 40.7 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.22 per hour during the April 2004 reference week, up 6 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.46 per hour, up 6 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$8.95 per hour compared with \$8.75 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.58 per hour, was up 9 cents from last year.

Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and U.S., April 2003-2004 ^{1/}

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	Apr 6-12 2003	Apr 11-17 2004	Apr 6-12 2003	Apr 11-17 2004	Apr 6-12 2003	Apr 11-17 2004	Apr 6-12 2003	Apr 11-17 2004
Workers on Farms	-----Thousands-----							
All Hired Workers	22	26	16	17	49	46	781	825
Hours Worked	-----Hours Per Week-----							
All Hired Workers	39.1	40.8	47.3	45.7	40.7	41.0	40.1	40.7
Wages By Work Type	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Field	8.32	9.66	7.10	7.55	7.62	7.50	8.40	8.46
Livestock	8.86	8.83	8.24	8.20	7.98	7.93	8.75	8.95
Field & Livestock	8.60	9.29	7.52	7.81	7.75	7.62	8.49	8.58
All Workers	9.43	9.84	7.93	8.37	8.31	8.13	9.16	9.22

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.